KALP NATH RAI): (a) Various measures are being taken to improve the availability of power in Andhra Pradesh which include maximising the generation from the existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme of generating stations, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and conservation of energy etc. Assistance is also made available to Andhra Pradesh from the neighbouring systems whenever system conditions are conducive to such transfer.

(b) to (d). It is proposed to set up Gas based power projects at Uppade near Kakinada and Jegurupadu (Rajahmundry) of a capacity of 400 MW each in Andhra Pradesh from the gas available from the Krishna Godavari Basin.

Appointment of Engineering Helpers

2035. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given on August 20 Unstarred Question No. 3578 and state:

(a) whether the panels of Engineering helpers in the Indian Airlines at Hyderabad and Calcutta have been further extended;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of candidates belonging to SCs/STs appointed in the Indian Airlines so far;

(c) the time by which the remaining candidates on the panel are likely to be appointed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b). The validity of panel of Engineering Helpers at Hyderabad was extended upto 1st March, 1992 and 6 SC & 3 ST candidates have been appointed from the panel. The validity of Calcutta panel has been extended upto 31st March, 1992, and 24 SC and 7 ST candidates have been appointed from the panel.

(c) and (d). Candidates will be offered appointment, subject to availability of vacancies during the validity period of the panel.

Telephone Advisory Committee for Kerala

2036. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN:
SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a Kerala State Telephone Adivisory Committee;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Telecom Advisory Committee for Kerala was constituted by the previous Government in March, 1991. It is under review.

Setting up of Doordarshan Centre at Imphal, Manipur

2037. SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Doordarshan Centre at Imphal, Manipur; and